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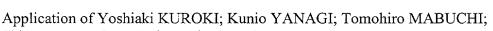




July 31, 2001

BOX PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:



Shinya AWANO; and Hiroyuki HAYASHI

MULTI-LAYER GAS SENSOR ELEMENT AND GAS SENSOR

COMPRISING THE SAME

Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.

Our Ref. Q65641

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 26 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 3 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated, is as follows:

Total claims

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.





BOX PATENT APPLICATION New U.S. Application

Priority is claimed from July 31, 2000 based on JP Application No. 2000-232400. A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC

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